

### Intro

2020: Out Of Order. 2021: Working!

2021 is nearly two weeks old and already plenty has happened in the world. For **1324** this year will be an important one. It's 'do or die' as we're really hoping to expand our readership. In the first issue of **1324** of 2021 we: return to the 'stamp booklet vending machine that time forgot', take a look at an interesting new homebrew for the Game Boy/Color, sampled some classic candy, deliver you some news from the world of LEGO and far, far more. Lets make it a year to remember (and for all the right reasons!). Happy reading!

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## Weather

New year, new weather



**Nifon** Romania 2 °C / 36 °F



**Nittambuwa** Sri Lanka 29 °C / 84 °F



**Nixa** MO, USA 12 °C / 54 °F

## Dut Now

Don't bother, currently out of order:



Not one but <u>two</u> *Out of Order* signs in one picture? Wow. The picture of these strange 'is it a sink or a urinal?' contraptions thanks to <u>Bart Everson</u>. Don't be caught short in Gert Town, New Orleans, LA! Send your pics to us at <u>this address</u>.

### Go Dutch

In one word a week

**'Kijken'** (verb) pronounce: kei-cun



This word translates to 'to look' (at something) / to watch

#### In a sentence

We kijken samen naar een film We're watching a movie together

### Also...

Ik kijk naar... -I'm looking at...

Hij/zij kijkt -He/she's looking

Wij kijken -We're looking

Gekeken -Looked (past participle of kijken)

Nakijken -To check / to look at someone who is walking away



Par

is an interesting word. Why? Because it can mean so many different things all over the world. The word is most used for something to bake or cook food in (a *frying pan*, *sauce pan* etc.), but in Geography it can also mean 'all-inclusive' (*Pan American World Airways*, *Pan American Highway*). In British English it's a word used for the bowl of a toilet, in Spain it's the word for a loaf of bread and in the Czech republic it's used as the title Mr. (as in *Mister*, so it's followed by a gentleman's surname). Pan is also used as a verb. To 'pan' something: to criticize severely. There's several sayings that use the word pan. *To pan out* (to end up), *to go down the pan* (to fail utterly) etc. In ancient Greek religion and mythology *Pan* is 'the god of the wild, shepherds and flocks, nature of mountain wilds, rustic music and impromptus, and companion of the nymphs'. The pan flute is actually named after this God. Pan, what an interesting word...

### Trivia

Plenty of questions. Can you come up with the answers?

- [01] Who wrote Kritik der reinen Vernunft (a.k.a. The Critique of Pure Reason)?
- [02] What is the lowest temperature of most kitchen freezers?
- [03] Name the first or last station of the Trans-Siberian railway.
- [04] Name three animals of the Chinese zodiac.
- [05] What are human nails made of?
- [06] Is Titan one of the moons of Saturn or a type of metal?
- [07] What colour is the hair of *Storm* (of the *X-Men*)?
- [08] Do hippos have tusks?
- [09] What do the letters SP (in Nintendo Advance SP) stand for?
- [10] How many wheels do most Tuk Tuks have?
- [11] True or false: there are Llama's in Lima.
- [12] What type of dish is Shashlik?
- [13] What's the month July called in Slovakia, červenec or klasen?
- [14] Are parts of the Berlin wall still standing?
- [15] What colour belt is a Judo novice wearing?

Answers on page four.

### 512KB

Take your GB to the furthest edges of the galaxy

Last issue had some SEGA Game Gear games, this time around the Game Boy (and Game Boy Color) get some love. Quang from *Pocket Pixel Design* just launched an update for the 1999 homebrew game *JetPak DX*. This *Super* update has brand new graphics by *VeePixels* and *Zombiworkshop* and music by *Manfred Linzner* aka Pink (ABYSS).

Gameplay-wise it was inspired by the ZX Spectrum classic, *Jetpac*. *Super JetPak DX* has you flying around the furthest edges of the galaxy on alien worlds, trying to rebuild your rocket ship. Of course, there's plenty of nasty alien life forms that are getting in your way. Included are 16 levels, 8 enemy types, different power-ups, 3 difficulty levels and much more. One of the *Super JetPak DX*'s best features is that it's compatible with both the regular/classic Game Boy *and* the Game Boy Color.

You can order a copy (in ROM format or a physical copy complete with box and manual) from the <u>Pocket Pixels website</u>. For footage, try this <u>video</u> by Timmus TSET.



'So, is this the Game Boy classic or Game Boy Color version?' you might wonder. Because we're huge teases we'll never tell, but why not visit the website above and find out, hmm?

## I Wanna Manna

The sudden urge for a classic type of Dutch candy

Liquorice: love it or hate it. Over here (the Dutch people) generally love it, but there's plenty of other candy to go around. Take these bags of *Manna* for example. Essentially it's puffed rice with a sugary coating in many colours. There's white ones, orange ones, green ones and pink ones. We recall they originally also included blue ones, but because this particular brand didn't want to use artificial colouring agents perhaps they left them out.

They tasted pretty much exactly the same as the ones we remembered from the 90's (sweet but with a slightly milder savoury undertone), although they were priced *quite* differently. We remember these bags used to retail for roughly 35 cents (back in the day of the Gulden, an amount that equals to roughly 0.17), but now paid 1.49. Ouch.

We couldn't find the exact origins of Manna, but it has something to do with the Exodus. The Hebrew word *Manna* means food. An interesting treat to try sometime if you're ever in The Netherlands!



Who can take a sunrise, sprinkle it with dew? Cover it with chocolate and a miracle or two? The Candy Man. Oh, the Candy Man can. Who can make a profit, do a little gouging too? Oh the, Candyman...

## From the Machine: Return to Sender

Back at the stamp booklets machine, coins in hand



A stack of 1968 Gulden coins.

Those of you who read 1324 issue #16 will know we've promised we'd return to the ancient stamp booklet vending machine we found at a village near us. Problem was: it took Guldens, a denomination we've last used in 2002. We bought four of them from Marktplaats (a Dutch eBay equivalent) and cycled to the machine. Oh how we would've loved to big up this story and described all the steps ('the first coin went in, then the second, the third and finally the fourth coin...time to pull the lever... what will drop down the chute?'), but we'll immediately have to crush your hopes: the coins didn't want to go in the slot. It seems the machine had effectively been 'locked' since

the 90's or so. What a disappointment! Don't get us wrong: we didn't really think anything would drop from the slot, but we would've liked to experience the thrill of the coins going in. Sadly, it wasn't to be and we had to return home with the four pretty, but rather useless *Gulden* coins. Is this the end of the story? Not completely. We actually know someone who lived in the same building where the machine can be found, so perhaps we'll be able to find out why it's still there. In the mean time: if you find any ancient vending machines, let us know!

Oh, and the machine we found wasn't the only one left abandoned by the Dutch Post! Check out this video.

### The Numbers Game

What are the missing numbers?

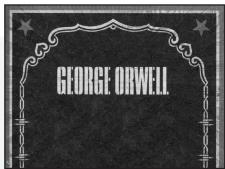














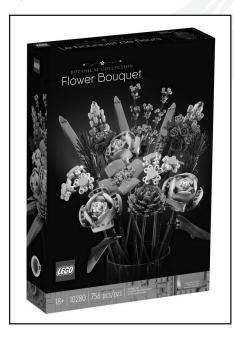




A few TV series, a card game, a missing PEGI rating, a video game, a book, an ancient meme and a movie...how's that for variety?

## Block-adder

Updates from the world of LEGO. In this edition: Flower LEGO, cars, beautiful buildings and a trip to Prague.



#### Flower LEGO

We must say, LEGO has been hitting it out of the park lately. Take one of their latest sets *Flower Bouquet*, for example. The set consists of 756 pieces and 'delivers a vibrant display of colors and interesting shapes, inspired by real flowers such as roses, snapdragons, poppies, asters, daisies and grasses'. Quite lovely, but sadly the prize is, at £44.99/€59,99 a little less appealing. This lady would enjoy the gift of flowers, though...

#### **Broom broom blocks**

Thebrickfan reports the Porsche 911 (set ID: 10295) is rumoured for LEGO's Vehicle Collection (part of the adult 18+ builds range). It should have 1,458 pieces and would be priced around \$149.99. Fans of cars should mark March 1 in their calenders.

#### The Best Building

Brick Fanatics did an interesting feature in which they ranked all different the sets in the LEGO Modular Buildings Collection. The Pet Shop, the Town Hall, the Bookshop and the Downtown Diner: they're all included. So which of them is ranked at #1? You can find out here.

#### The Last Stop

Ever been to Prague? We haven't, but if we ever do we might arrive at the central station. Like the city itself, it's quite a looker. That's why a company from Kladno (Czech Republic) built a huge version out of LEGO. That was in 2015, but the huge build (made from a whopping 342.000 blocks and weighing 2700KG/~6000LBS) can now been seen at the station itself. It's likely you won't be in Prague anytime soon, so why not check out this video?

### RandoTube

We push random Youtube channels

It's been a while since we last featured a Youtube channel (for shame, for shame), so here we go again...

This week, lets take a look at the channel by *Timmus Tset*:

#### **Channel description:**

"Geeky stuff ahead! Video game playthroughs with some good ole' tat reviews thrown in for good measure."

#### Recent video output:

Play TSET - Super JetPak DX, Play TSET - D&D: a young adventurers guide, Put it to the TSET: CheapShow Sticky Album, egoTSET: X-Mas, Live: Victory Heat Rally, Play TSET: Live - Castlevania: Aria of Sorrow, Put It To TSET - Book It!: The Gorilla Expansion, Play TSET: Live - Gameboy Bootlegs.

#### **Current subscriber count:**

91 (Let's go 100!)

#### **Channel Link:**

[Timmus Tset]

# Quality Quote

Words to go by

'Nobody realizes that some people expend tremendous energy merely to be normal.'

-Albert Camus

## Number's Game

The Solution

From left to right, top to bottom:

24, 21, 9, 7, 3, 1984, 33, 742, 88.

## 1324 Online

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You can find us at: www.1324.online

# HBO Ma(tri)x unlikely

Lana Wachowski wants Matrix 4 to debut exclusively in theatres

Looking forward to seeing the new *Matrix* movie later this year? You might not want to rely on HBO Max...

#### DevDiscourse reports:

While Warner Bros is all set to implement its same-day release strategy throughout 2021, some industry insiders are already-pushing back against the move and demanding a return of the exclusive theatrical-release-window. According to anonymous sources, The Matrix 4 director Lana Wachowski is "adamant" about releasing the movie exclusively in the theatres before its HBO Max debut.

[...] The Matrix 4 will deviate from its original plot and center around romance. The lead actor Keanu Reeves who played Neo in The Matrix series, did not reveal any details of the plot but it looks like The Matrix 4 may portray a love story of Neo and Trinity." [full story]

So, let's hope we're able to return to the cinemas soon, eh?



Want to look back? The Matrix 4 is slated to hit the big screens on December 22...

## Trivia: The Answers

#### Plenty of answers. Can you come up with the questions?

- [01] Immanuel Kant
- [02] -20
- [03] Either Moscow (Yaroslavsky) or Vladivostok.
- [04] There's: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Pig, Dog, Monkey and Rooster.
- [05] Keratin
- [06] It's one of the moons of Saturn, the metal is called *Titanium*
- [07] White
- [08] Yup, they're actually inside their jaws.
- [09] Special Project
- [10] Three
- [11] True
- [12] It's marinated and grilled or roasted meat
- [13] It's called červenec. Klasen is august. Well, duh. (j/k)
- [14] Certainly. They serve as a monument.
- [15] White

